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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE**

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR,

Defendant.

No. CR-2014-1193

**REQUEST FOR COURT
DETERMINATION OF AUTOPSY
AS PUBLIC RECORD**

COMES NOW, the State of Arizona, by the Mohave County Attorney and through the undersigned Chief Deputy County Attorney, and hereby requests the Court to determine whether the autopsy report, autopsy photos, and other autopsy records are public records in view of Schoeneweis v. Hammer, 223 Ariz. 169, 221 P.3d 48 (App 2009).

The State has received a public records request from a media outlet. Schoeneweis indicates that the court should review the records in camera and balance the competing concerns of the public and privacy concerns of the victim's family. In this case the Court may also want to consider the impact of release of the records on the Defendant's rights to a fair jury and trial.

The records are sealed and attached. Copies of this request will be sent to the media outlet, the Defendant, and the victim's family (without the records). Those persons may desire to file pleadings stating their positions. The State itself takes no position on



1 the autopsy report. However, it opposes release of the autopsy photos as they depict an
2 unclad eight year old girl.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

4 MOHAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY
5 MATTHEW J. SMITH

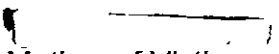
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10 **A copy of the foregoing sent to:**

11 Honorable Lee F. Jantzen
12 Mohave County Superior Court, Div. 4

13 Dave Hawkins
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17 Harry Moore
18 Mohave County Public Defender
19 Attorney for Defendant

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21 Mother of Victim
22 c/o Mohave County Jail

23 **Courtesy Copy of the foregoing sent to:**

24 Rexene Worrell
25 Mohave County Medical Examiner

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